

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow. The amendments do not raise new issues or require new search.

I. Substance of Interview

The undersigned thanks the Examiner's telephone call to suggest claim amendments. However the undersigned could not authorize the amendments in a short period of time.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner suggests several amendments that would put the present application in condition for allowance.

The claims are amended as suggested and therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

III. Status of the Claims

Claims 28, 29, and 30 are canceled. Claims 54 and 57 are currently amended.

Claims 58-60 are newly added to capture the subject matter removed from claim 57 in order to overcome the 112 rejection. These claims are believed to neither raise new issue nor require new search.

Claims 54-60 are pending.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner rejects claims 28, 29, and 36 as being unpatentable over Bates in view of Ding. (Final Office Action, page 2)

Without any disclaimer and solely to advance the prosecution of the present application, claims 28, 29 and 36 are canceled. The rejection of these claims is moot.

V. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejects claims 28, 29, 36, and 54-57 as being indefinite. (Final Office Action, page 3)

Claims 28, 28, and 36 are canceled, the rejection of which is moot. Claim 54 and 57 are currently amended as suggested by the Examiner and therefore the rejection is overcome. Claims 54-57 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims 58-60 are drawn to the subject matter removed from claims 54-57 in order to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. No new matter is introduced. Furthermore, the new claims are believed to neither raise any new issue nor require new search.

Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance be issued to all pending claims. If the Examiner will not consider claims 58-60 favorably, Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance be issued to claims 54-57.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1850. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

Respectfully submitted,

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